

Bird-A-Thon Sponsors Needed

Jack Hubbard, Neil and Sharon Osborne of Cohasset will be participating in a special event — and a first for this area — a Bird-A-Thon. They will be out trying to identify as many different species as possible, birds seen or heard, during September 15 and 16.

They and other birders in the area need your support. Over 100 birders are already signed up and are seeking sponsors. Sponsors pledge a certain amount of each species the birder sees — therefore, the more species seen, and the more sponsors per birder, the more money raised! To add some fun and extra dimension to the Massachusetts reports, birders from Hawaii to Maine, England to Peru are also participating.

Bird-A-Thon returns will be reported at a 10th birthday celebration for MBO on Sunday night, September 16, at the Plymouth Yacht Club. Sponsors, birders and other MBO supporters will be on hand to hear the results.

The Bird-A-Thon is to benefit the Manomet Bird Observatory located in southern Plymouth. One of only three bird observatories in North America, it has gained a widely respected reputation for its research and education programs. Each year, college students from across the country spend 3-6 months at the observatory, learning field and research techniques.

MBO's research is especially directed at studying birds as indicators of environmental change. Studies underway or recently completed include seabird populations on George's Bank, prior to and during seabed mineral development; identification of coastal areas critical to migrating shorebirds; avian radioecology at the Pilgrim I nuclear power station; nesting biology of herons and ibises at Clark's Island, and banding approximately 12,000 migrating land birds annually for indications of change in population levels.

To participate in the Bird-A-Thon, call one of your local birders or MBO at 617-224-6521.

North River Players To Audition

The North River Players of the North River Community Club in Norwell have announced auditions for their first play of the season, Willy Wonka's 'Chocolate Factory', will be held the weekend of September 8 and 9 at the clubhouse, 513 River Street, Norwell.

The family comedy is made up of a diversified cast, according to producers Sue Rogers and Pat Tedeschi. Auditions for the three boys and two girls, in their early teens (10 to 14) will be held Saturday, Sept. 8, at 2 p.m.

Auditions for 20 adult male and female roles have been scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 9, at 2 p.m.

For more information call Mrs. Tedeschi at 659-4814 or Mrs. Rogers at 659-4709

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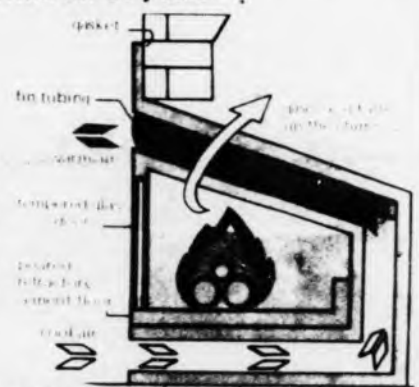
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